

Quebec 12th June 1767.

Sir

Upon considering the inclosed
Extract of a Letter from Lord Halifax to the
Governor of this Province, in consequence
of my Enquiries thereupon into the Character
and Conduct of Mons. Chabert, and the little
Knowledge I have had myself an Opportunity
to acquire of the Man, I could not see any
just Reason for refusing him an Indulgence,
granted to all His Majesty's Subjects without
Distinction, of improving his Fortune by
embarking in that Trade, which our Royal
Master has in the most public Manner
declared should be free to all, who submitted
to the Regulations made by Himself, or by

The Hon^{ble} J^{rs} W^m Johnson Bar^{ts}
Supt of Indian Affairs &c }

Yours

those in Authority under him —

This Gentleman's Case is truly hard;
He spent two Years in the Bastille, which could
not give him a very advantageous Idea
of French Justice, He came afterwards over
to this Country with a large cargo, purchased
in Britain, for the Indian Market, and
found himself the only one debarred from
disposing of them as he pleased; He has
taken the Oaths of Allegiance to His Majesty,
has demeaned himself for the Space of two
Years, as I am credibly informed, in the
most quiet and irreproachable Manner, has
submitted to the general Regulations by
taking a Licence, and giving Security in
the Terms thereby required, He has sent
over for his Sons, is possessed of Houses,
Lands, and has Relations in the Province;
which

which are to us so many Pledges of his good Behaviour, I have it under his Hand, that if it lies in his Way, any Interest he has shall be employed for the British Interest, and yet without one single Crime laid to his Charge, He is to be punished upon a bare Presumption, that he may intend to offend -

Notwithstanding I do not myself entertain the least Suspicion of his having any such Intention, the instant I understood by a Paragraph of your Letter to General Gage of the 25th April by him transmitted hither, which, for Expedition sake, I could have wished, you had sent here directly, you had conceived his going up might prove prejudicial to the British Interest, I immediately dispatched an Express, time enough to stop him; but tho I
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went thus far, in Order, as ~~much~~ as in me
lies, to cooperate with the Person the King
has been pleased to appoint for the Superintendence
of the Savages in these northern Regions,
I could not help indulging him with a
Permission to apply to yourself in Person,
to state his own case, and endeavour to
remove those Prejudices, which bear so
hard upon him -

I have been the more ready to
acquiesce in this, that I am well informed
if he does not succeed in his Application,
he is for ever ruined, himself and Family
involved in the greatest Distress; I have
previously however insisted on his giving
me his Parole of Honour to return to Montreal,
should you think proper to persist, and
send my Nephew Lieutenant Carleton of
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the 3rd to pay his Respects to you, to have an Eye to his Conduct, and see that he returns, agreeable to his Promise.

This Affair gives me the more Concern, that I fear it may have pernicious Effects with Regard to his Countrymen; if they are once persuaded, we still look upon them with an evil Eye, and cannot forgive the Injuries, they did us, while it was their Duty to be our natural Enemies, will it not render them still more anxious to return to their old Masters, if it was but to shake off those Restraints, to which they have never been used —

You will at the same Time observe, Sir, that altho' I think the Canadians well entitled to every Indulgence,
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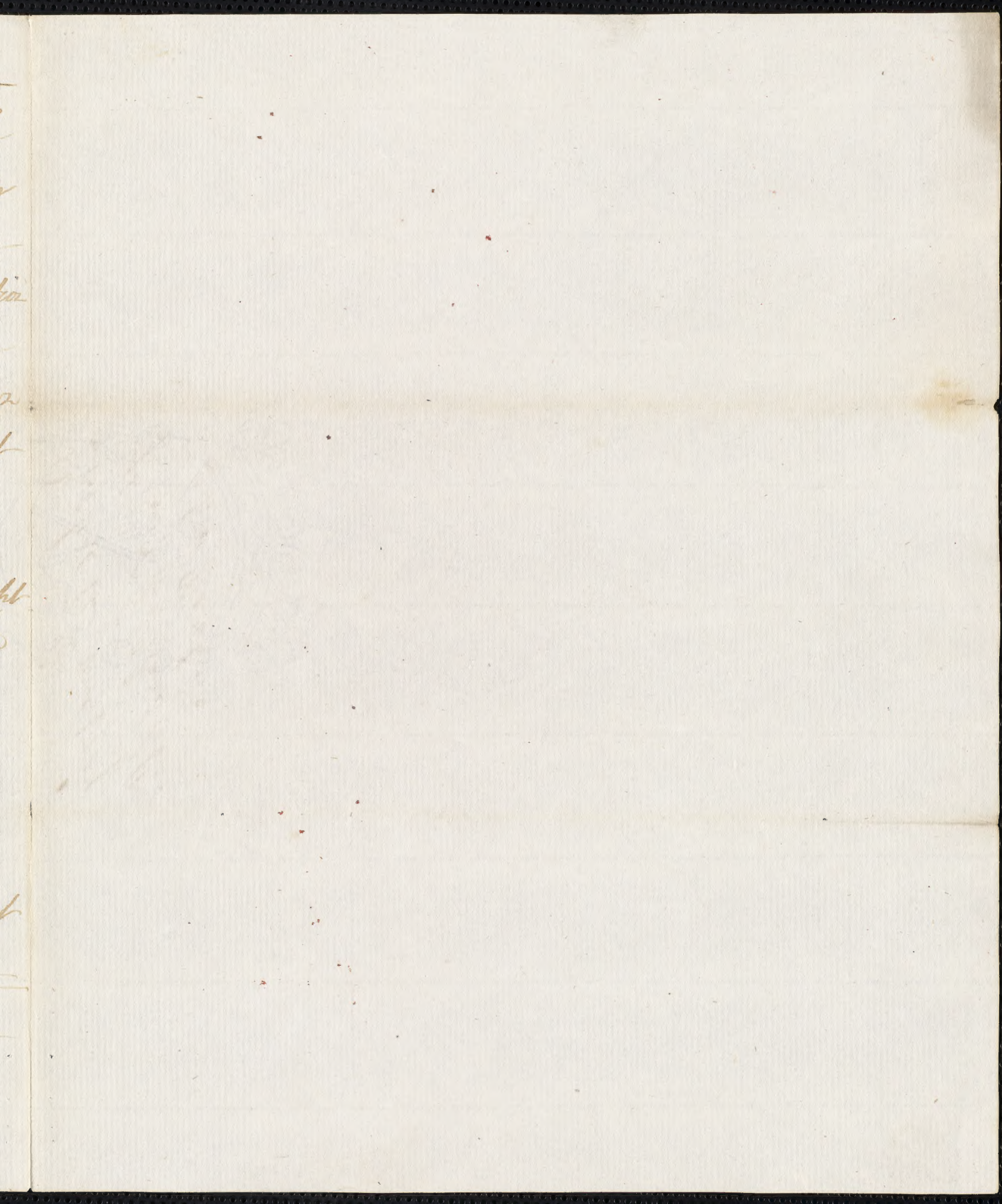
in the Power of the Crown to grant them,
I am thoroughly persuaded it is both
just and right carefully to attend to their
most trifling Motions, and therefore when
I acquainted General Gage with my Intention
of agreeing to Mr. Chabert's going to the
upper Country, I intreated he would mention
the Matter to the Officers Commanding at
Niagara and Detroit, and direct them to
have an Eye to his Conduct, tho' with
such Caution and Circumspection, as might
not afford him any Grounds to imagine
he was by us suspected —

I am with great Truth and
Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant

Guy Carleton



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of his Nephew —

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